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Army Engineer Unit in Svishtov

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1. [redacted] The unit is lodged in a barracks approximately 500 meters from the Danube River in the outskirts of Svishtov and carries out its exercises on a hill adjacent to the barracks area. 25X1

Automobile Repair Shop in Sofia

2. The automobile repair shop in Sofia, the former Engineers Workshop, has been transformed into a military establishment and repairs military motor vehicles. It is located on General Totleben Street, the road which leads to Knyazhevo. 25X1

Soviet Forces in Bulgaria

3. [redacted] there are a total of approximately 150,000 Soviets in Bulgaria. However, in case of emergencies, "very great" forces of Soviets could arrive in Bulgaria by land and sea from Crimea within 24 hours. 25X1

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Repair of Sofia-Petrich Railroad

1. The section of the Sofia-Petrich railroad between Krupnik (N 41-51, E 23-07) and Kulata (N 41-23, E 23-22) was totally destroyed during World War II. The Germans started reconstructing the line, and in 1944-1945, under the Soviet occupation, several hundred political prisoners were assigned to the project to complete the rebuilding more quickly. The railroad is standard-gauge and single-track and was put into regular service in 1946.
2.  A bridge of stone masonry and reinforced concrete is located over the Struma River immediately south of the Krupnik station. It is approximately 200 meters long, 30-35 meters above the water, wide enough for only one track, and has three or four spans.
3. There are a total of 10 tunnels from three kilometers to 15 kilometers from Krupnik. The ninth tunnel is the largest; it is 500 meters long and follows two curves. Another tunnel, 300 meters long, follows a single curve. All the tunnels are wide enough for only a single-track line.
4.  not know whether the line has been extended as far as Petrich. No repairs have been made to connect the rail line from Kulata to the Greek frontier.

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New Plovdiv-Lilkovo Road

5. The road from Plovdiv to Lilkovo (N 41-54, E 24-35) was constructed to facilitate the transport of wood from the forest regions around Lilkovo. The road is approximately 40 kilometers long, six meters wide, and permits two-way traffic. Construction was begun in 1946 and was largely carried out by youth brigades. As of February 1953, the road was open to traffic

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